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TO:

District of Columbia Medicaid Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with

Intellectual Disabilities

FROM:

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DATE:

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SUBJECT:

Clarification of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Payment Policy

This transmittal clarifies the existing payment policy for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs). According to 42 CFR §442.12, the Department of Health Care Finance shall not execute a provider agreement with an ICF nor make Medicaid payments until the Department of Health (DOH) has certified the facility to provide those services. Even though DOH grants a provisional license to the ICF/IID once beneficiaries occupy the facility, the District of Columbia Department on Disability Services (DDS) is the only District agency that may reimburse for services rendered during that time period. The DDS is not required to reimburse for services rendered during this time period, and will only do so if authorized in advance through a purchase requisition for services for specific periods of time. Please note that a provisional license does not guarantee that the facility will be certified. When DOH deems that an ICF is certified, it informs DHCF that the facility is in good standing and that we may enter into a provider agreement.

Questions regarding prior authorization or claims payment when holding a provisional license should be directed to Cathy Anderson, DDS Deputy Director for the Developmental Disabilities Administration at (202) 730-1757 or cathy.anderson@dc.gov.

Questions related to the provider agreement or claims payment should be directed to Laurie Rowe, Manager, DHCF Division of Public and Private Provider Services at (202) 698-2044 or laurie.rowe@dc.gov.

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